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2 9. (Amended) A speech recognition system comprising:
3 an application;
4 a vocabulary accessible by the application, the vocabulary holding a set of
5 utterances applicable to the application;
6 a grammar that holds a subset of the utterances in the vocabulary;
7 a speech recognition engine to recognize the utterances in the grammar
8 within a predetermined response time; and
9 a user interface to display a countdown graphic that changes with lapsing of
10 the response time, wherein the user interface restarts the countdown graphic in the
11 event the speech recognition engine recognizes the one of the utterances.

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13 13. (Amended) A speech recognition system as recited in claim 9,
14 wherein the user interface plays an audible sound when the speech recognition
15 engine recognizes one of the utterances within the [predetermine] predetermined
16 response time.

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18 18. (Amended) A user interface for an speech recognition system, the
19 user interface comprising:
20 a display; and
21 a graphic progress bar shown on the display that indicates a response time
22 in which the speech recognition system is awaiting a user to speak, the progress
23 bar shortening with passage of the response time, wherein the user interface plays
24 an audible sound when the speech recognition engine recognizes one of the
25 utterances within the predetermined response time.

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2 ~~Ans 37~~ 33. (Amended) A collaboration system involving multiple
3 interconnected devices comprising:

4 a voice input mechanism resident at each of the devices;
5 an audio output system resident at each of the devices; and
6 a user interface to provide visual and auditory feedback indicating when a
7 party located at one of the devices can speak, the user interface being configured
8 to play an audible sound when the party can begin speaking and to display a
9 graphic that changes with lapsing of time to indicate a duration that the party can
10 speak, wherein the user interface plays an audible sound upon recognizing an
11 utterance within the duration that the party can speak.

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13 34. (Amended) A method for operating a speech recognition system,
14 comprising the following steps:

15 initiating a response time in which to receive an audible utterance;
16 displaying a graphic representing the response time;
17 playing a sound when an audible utterance is recognized; and
18 changing the graphic to indicate passage of the response time.